

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 303

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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Head Coach George Quarles and the Maryville High School football team on capturing the 2006 TSSAA Class 4A State Championship.

WHEREAS, from time to time, a high school football team attains a certain level of success, one which elevates the program into a rarefied atmosphere occupied by only the finest of athletic programs and deserves the recognition of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, under the astute leadership of Head Coach George Quarles, the Maryville High Rebels football team captured its third consecutive TSSAA Class 4A State Championship on Saturday, December 2, 2006, a fitting end to a perfect season; and

WHEREAS, the championship title marks Maryville High School's tenth, an incredible accomplishment which ties the state record; since coming under Coach Quarles's guidance, the juggernaut Rebels have won six of the past seven Class 4A championships, have won forty-five straight games, and have emerged victorious in ninety-eight of their past one hundred games; and

WHEREAS, the Maryville High team rolled through the playoffs in unprecedented style, prevailing over the unbeaten teams of Red Bank and Morristown West in a phenomenal drive to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels concluded their remarkable season by beating previously undefeated Hillsboro High School in the BlueCross Bowl Final by a score of 35-10; and

WHEREAS, this Herculean effort was led by the outstanding individual performances of seniors Tyler Maples, Ryan Singleton, and Dwight Wood and junior Brent Burnette; and

WHEREAS, though hobbled by an ankle injury, Mr. Football and Offensive MVP Tyler Maples hauled in six catches for 130 yards and three touchdowns, sparking the Rebels' strong offensive display; and

WHEREAS, quarterback Brent Burnette connected on ten of his fifteen attempts, tallying a total of 215 of Maryville's 383 total yards, and running back Ryan Singleton made the most of his four runs, galloping for fifty-three yards and two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, the Rebels' stingy defensive unit, led by defensive end and Defensive MVP Dwight Wood, who garnered the award on the strength of his seven tackles, forced fumble, and two sacks, held the Hillsboro team to only 153 total yards; and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary success of the Maryville High School football team came under the exceptional leadership Coach Quarles and Defensive Coordinator Jim Gaylor, who, though forced to miss the game due to an injured back, watched the game on television and made periodic calls to Assistant Coach Joe Pinkerton, relaying information and intuitions; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward success in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the members of the Maryville High School football team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Head Coach George Quarles and the 2006 Maryville High School football team on capturing the 2006 TSSAA Class 4A State Football Title.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.